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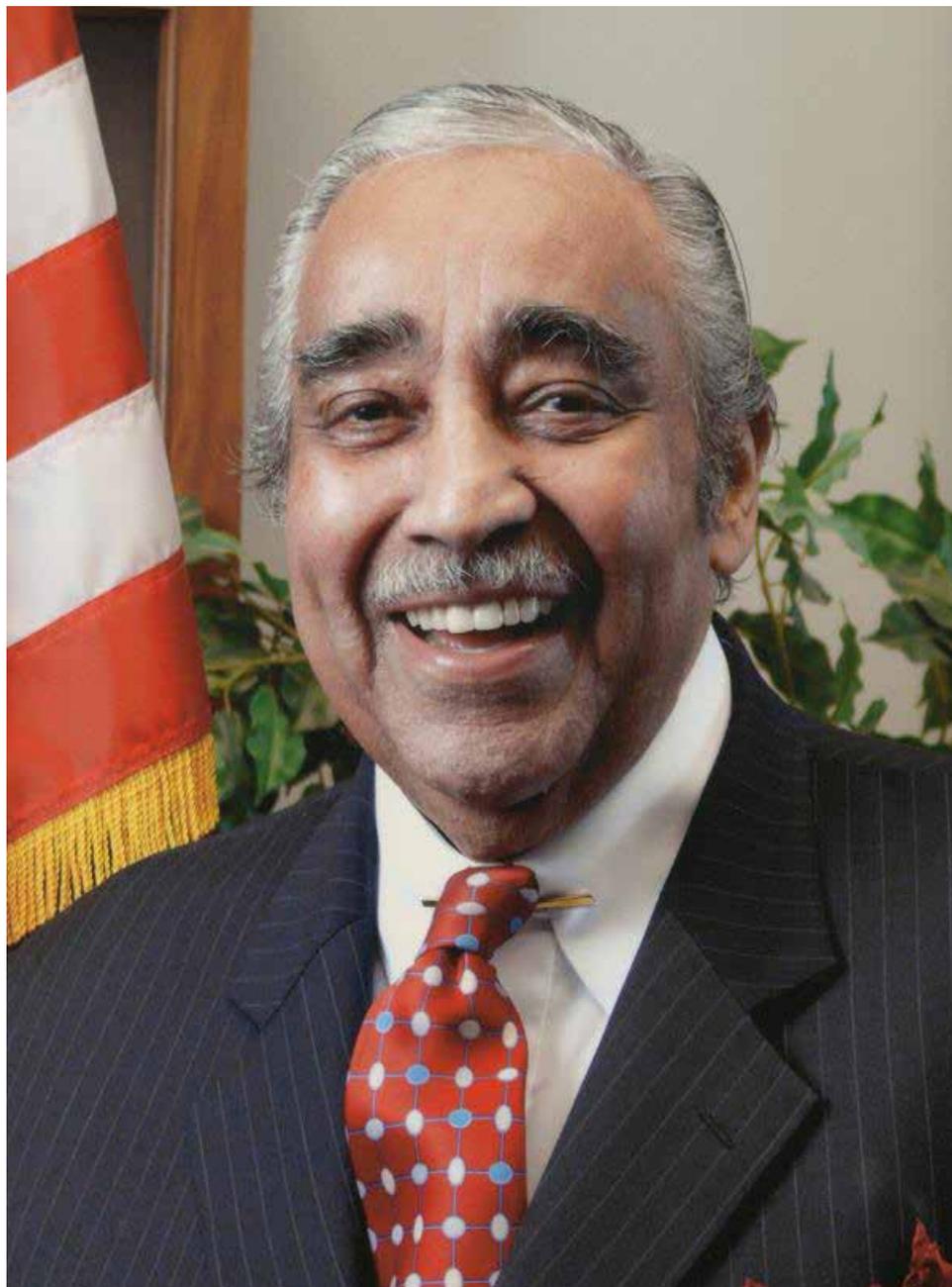
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PAT STEVENSON

Arrangements for Congressman Rangel for this week are listed on page 12. Harlem will miss our “warrior.”

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is celebrating 100 years. Plan to attend the 110th Anniversary Festival on June 14th. Plan to visit the 100th Anniversary exhibits soon. The celebration will take place for one year. Activities began in May 2025 and will end in May 2026.

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This Sunday, June 15th is Father’s Day. Happy Heavenly Father’s Day to my dad, stepdad, grandfather, brothers, and uncles who have passed. A special shout out to all of those non profit organizations and individuals who offer guidance and support to our youth, especially those who do not have their father in their life. Plan to attend the 53rd annual Father’s Day Skyscraper International Harlem Cycling classic on June 15th around Marcus Garvey Park.

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PONDER THIS! Bad Company Can Corrupt Good Character



By Hazel Rosetta Smith

Good character has little to do with age or gender. One faction that can keep a person from their level of success is wrong friendships. Though it may not be your first thought, what others say to you can have an influence on your decision-making.

In many cases, what friends do can have a profound impact on you.

Though their action was not suggested or an invitation, it could be something that you never attempted or expected to delve into and yet you tried it out.

Everyone wants to have friends or at least one friend they can count on. Albeit it can create chaos to have a host of people spreading their beliefs and applying them to you as valid or helpful advice.

Not all sharing is an opening for someone's opinion. Your open thoughts can be a form of merely venting a circumstance or clarifying a misunderstanding. Yet, the wrong friendship will jump in with both feet, taking control boldly of what they consider to be the best road for you to take.

It is easier than you may think to become a member

of a flock that is not your cup of tea, so to speak, yet you hang around and become a willing participant in not only what they say, but oftentimes what they do.

Interestingly, if you stop and reflect, you might discover that you fell into a precedent that says, "birds of a feather flock together." Those words would imply with certainty that you are one of the birds and therefore guilty of whatever they are about. Furthermore, when their misdeeds come to fruition and you are judged and not able to withdraw your relationship, you will become a part of the consequences.

Some of us have moved far from the lessons that our parents evoked when they didn't want us to be in the

company of certain people. We thought they didn't know what they were saying and didn't know anything about the people they wanted us to avoid. Yet, soon enough like some elders would say, if it doesn't come out in the wash, it will come out in the rinse. Regretfully, the truth will come to light.

Good characters are in danger when we relinquish the right to express our gut feelings and simply go along, just to go along. It took a long time for me to realize that fact-checking was not just a source for writing, but a necessary opponent in personal relationships before making a commitment or accepting an invitation.

It is helpful and healthy to share accurate informa-

tion with those we care about and have an assurance that they will return the favor. However, remember bad company corrupts character and therefore it may become necessary to let go of friends or influencers that you know are dragging you down.

If you are around people who make you feel uneasy and something inside says that's trouble, that is more than just bad vibes. Take heed at good speed and get to stepping. You owe that to yourself!

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“WE Outside Summer” in New York



By Mayor Eric Adams

Despite all the rain we have been getting recently, summer just unofficially began in New York City with Memorial Day. The days are getting longer and warmer, our beaches are open, and, for the first time in the city’s recorded history, there were no shootings on the Sunday before Memorial Day — further proof that our administration’s approach to keeping New York City the safest big city in America is working. Last week, we kicked off the “We Outside Summer,” a series of investments, announcements, and programming across the five boroughs to ensure New Yorkers have a safe and fun summer in our parks, playgrounds, and everywhere else outdoors. We’ll continue to roll out announcements throughout the summer, but here’s some of what we announced this past week as we

continue to make New York City the best place to raise a family.

We know that as the weather warms, New Yorkers are eager for more outdoor space. But for too many families, green space is out of reach and too far from their neighborhoods and communities. This is exactly why we kicked off work last week to transform vacant, abandoned lots into parks and put more greenspace within walking distance of thousands of additional New Yorkers who don’t currently have access to them. We’re starting in East New York and Cypress Hill in Brooklyn, as well as Jackson Heights, East Elmhurst, and Corona in Queens, and we will expand from there.

Our “Vacant Lots to Parks” initiative is a great example of government working to cut red tape and think creatively about delivering more green spaces to areas most in need. It also builds on the work our administration has done to expand access to parks. Since taking office, we have added over 86 acres of parkland across New York City, putting tens of thousands of additional New Yorkers within walking distance of a park.

But we’re not stopping there; as part of “We Outside Summer,” we also announced the completion of a \$23 million project to transform public spaces and play-

grounds at six NYCHA developments. Not only will these new public spaces serve NYCHA residents, they’ll also serve those who live in the neighborhoods around them. All of these projects together have helped increase the total percentage of New Yorkers now within a 10-minute walk of a park to more than 84 percent.

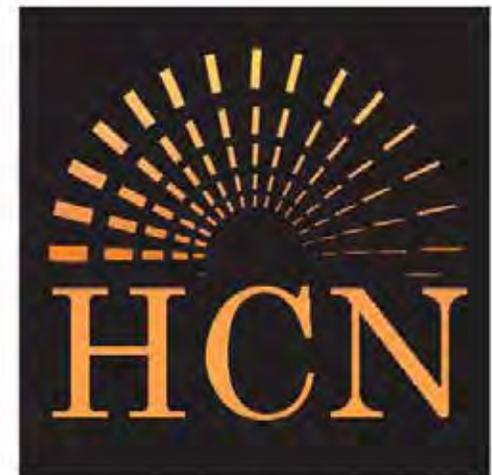
We know we also need to give our young people stimulating activities for the summer months when they are out of school. We need to reach them before they fall into the rivers of violence, because by the time someone has a gun in their hand, it is often too late. That’s why we announced \$13 million in permanent funding to support at-risk youth, justice-involved New Yorkers, and people living in neighborhoods with high rates of violence. And for the second straight summer, we are investing \$2 million to offer extended hours at select Beacon, Cornerstone, and Saturday Night Lights programs, especially in NYPD precincts with the highest levels of gun violence. These programs give our kids a safe place to gather and thrive.

We are additionally ensuring our young people have on-ramps to success right from the start through our Summer Rising program that has supported a record 100,000 summer job opportuni-

ties annually for young people. We know that if we invest in our young people during the summer months and give them alternatives, we can keep them safe and on the right path.

Finally, we are making the world’s most iconic green space even safer! Central Park is New York City’s backyard but issues like illegal vending, overflowing trash, excessive noise, substance use, and more have persisted for far too long, and they often spike in the summer months and need to be addressed. This past week, we announced the “Central Park Community Link,” a multi-agency response aimed at addressing public safety and improving the quality of life in and around Central Park.

We know that New Yorkers and tourists are fed up with quality-of-life concerns, and I want to be clear, our administration does not tolerate an atmosphere where anything goes. We prioritize working hand-in-hand with communities to keep our neighborhoods safe, clean, and comfortable so that you can enjoy summer in the greatest city in the world. This is just the start of the “We Outside Summer,” and as the weather heats up, we’ll keep sharing more ways we’re working to deliver a safe and fun summer for all.



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Home Buying in Harlem Be Prepared to Buy Now



By Rev. Dr. Charles Butler

The summer season is about to officially begin. Families will be going to the park and the beach to enjoy the warm weather. But for prospective first-time home buyers, as the weather starts getting warmer, we will see the housing market is expected to heat up just as fast!

Within the next few weeks there will be several open houses you can plan on attending in every borough. Prospective home buyers with pre-approval letters in their hands will be in hot pursuit of available properties, especially in Harlem. So let the shopping begin!

From every indication, the competition for purchasing property will be extreme this year, which will undoubtedly push already exorbitant home values even higher. The demand for housing is still far greater than the affordable housing supply,

making it an even more competitive market. There is no use complaining about getting priced out, if you want to buy in Harlem be prepared to pay market values.

But you cannot just jump into the home buying market without knowing what to expect. You must be thoroughly prepared for any situation that could possibly occur. Understand that knowledge is power. This principle is very important and essential for everyone when entering the home buying market.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind that should prove to be valuable in assisting you in achieving success in the home buying process: (1) First and foremost you must attend a Home Buyer Education Workshop. The workshop will equip you to understand the process and prepare for unexpected challenges you will face. You will learn how to select and assemble a team of professionals to assist you through the process. Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc. (HCCI) offers a free virtual four-part Home Buyer Education Seminar Series. You can register at our website – www.hcci.org.

(2) You must make sure

you are 'mortgage ready.' This means having an adequate amount of money saved for the down payment and closing costs. A safe estimate is to have at least \$25-35K available. A typical down payment amount will range from 3-5% depending on the mortgage product, plus you will still need some money for closing costs. Most lenders will also want to see 24 months' clean credit history and at least 3-4 active credit accounts when applying for a pre-approval.

(3) Have your pre-approval in hand. Sellers will know that you are serious about purchasing and will be far more receptive when they realize you have already started the mortgage process. (4) Do your research to determine home values in specific neighborhoods. Most appraised home values in Harlem are high, making sellers reluctant to accept less than the full asking price. Do not offer more than you are able to afford.

If you are interested in attending the workshop or have questions regarding the home buying process, contact Rev. Dr. Charles Butler at (212) 281 4887 ext. 231 or email at cbutler@hcci.org.

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HARLEM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursdays 4pm-10pm

Uptown Night Market

The Uptown Night Market, located in the former Fairway parking lot at West 132nd Street and 12th Avenue, is back this summer, now on a weekly basis! The Market was previously a monthly occurrence, but now will be every Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. The market will be up and running until October 30th, so there will be plenty of time to check it out!



Amistad by Anthony Davis

Friday, June 13, 7:00PM

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Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Celebrating 100 Years

In 2025, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture celebrates its 100th anniversary—a century of preserving and promoting the rich tapestry of Black history, arts, and culture. Located at 515 Malcolm X Blvd @ 135th Street in Harlem, this renowned institution has evolved from a modest library division into a global beacon of scholarship and community engagement.

The centennial celebration, spanning from May 2025 to May 2026, commemorates two pivotal moments: the 1925 opening of the Division of Negro Literature, History, and Prints and the 1926 acquisition of Schomburg's collection. The celebration features a major exhibition titled "100: A Century of Collections, Community, and Creativity," showcasing rare and notable items from the center's extensive holdings. Additionally, the inaugural Jean Blackwell Hutson Lecture and Award, named after the center's longtime director, will be presented, honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to Black culture and scholarship.

The Schomburg Center's journey began in May 1925 as the Division of Negro Literature, History, and Prints at The New York Public Library's 135th Street Branch. Under the leadership of librarian Ernestine Rose, the division aimed to serve Harlem's growing African American community by providing access to literature and historical materials that reflected their experiences. In 1926, the division gained international acclaim when The New York Public Library acquired

the personal collection of Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, a distinguished Puerto Rican-born Black scholar and bibliophile. Schomburg's collection, which included nearly 3,000 volumes, over 1,100 pamphlets, and many valuable prints and manuscripts, became the cornerstone of the division's holdings. Schomburg served as curator from 1932 until his death in 1938. In 1940, the division was renamed the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature, History and Prints in honor of its founder. Over the decades, the collection expanded significantly, encompassing a vast array of materials documenting Black life in America and worldwide. In 1972, the Schomburg Collection was designated as one of The Research Libraries of The New York Public Library and became the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

A significant milestone in the center's history occurred in 1980 with the opening of a new five-story building on Lenox Avenue in Harlem. Designed by a Black architectural firm and funded by the federal government, the new facility provided expanded space for exhibitions, performances, and community programs. The inaugural events included a symposium on the evolution of Black studies and a dedication



Arturo Schomburg

ceremony featuring speeches by civil rights leaders, including Coretta King.

Today, the Schomburg Center houses over 11 million items, including manuscripts, photographs, rare books, and oral histories. Its collections illuminate the richness of global Black history and culture, serving as a vital resource for scholars, educators, and the public. The center's commitment to preserving and sharing Black experiences continues to inspire and educate, ensuring that the stories of people of African descent remain accessible for generations to come.

As the Schomburg Center celebrates its centennial, it stands as a testament to the enduring importance of preserving cultural heritage and promoting understanding through knowledge and community engagement.



Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Celebrating 100 Years...cont'd

Upcoming Events at the Schomburg:



Schomburg Centennial Festival
Sat, Jun 14 11 AM–7 PM

Join us at 135th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard in Harlem for the official Schomburg Centennial Festival! Come for readings with your favorite authors and comic creators, cosplay, panel discussions, a marketplace, and more; stay for our block party featuring musical performances from Slick Rick and others. Free event.

Now on View

100: A Century of Collections, Community, and Creativity

A major new exhibition showcasing some of the many extraordinary items from the Schomburg Center’s collections! Curated by Schomburg Center Director Joy L. Bivins, the exhibition surrounds visitors with the sights, sounds, and objects that have shaped this historic institution’s first century.

Centennial Exhibition Audio Guide

Hear the story of the Schomburg Center as told by its staff in the audio guide for 100: A Century of Collections, Community, and Creativity. Hosted by actor, director, and author LeVar Burton, the guide explores the incredible objects in the Schomburg’s collections, librarians and curators who left their mark, and how the Schomburg Center became a world-renowned steward of Black history.



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Congressman Charles B. Rangel June 11, 1930-May 25, 2025

The family of retired Congressman Charles B. Rangel announces a series of activities to honor his remarkable life and legacy leading up to his funeral service at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Congressman Rangel, a steadfast champion for Harlem and the nation, as well as a distinguished figure in American politics, will be memorialized in the coming days, with opportunities for the public to pay their respects.

Public Activities

June 9 & June 10, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Congressman Rangel will lie in repose at St. Aloysius Church, 219 W 132nd St, New York, NY 10027. Members of the public, especially his beloved Harlem community, are invited to visit the Church to pay their respects.

June 11 & June 12

Congressman Rangel will lie in state at City Hall, offering the community and dignitaries a formal opportunity to honor his service and dedication to the nation.

June 13, 9:45 am

Funeral Service (Mass)
St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Ave between 50th St. and 51st St., New York, NY 10022. This Mass is open to the public, celebrating the life of Congressman Rangel. Seating will be limited, but the public is welcome to join the family in remembering a leader who dedicated his life to service.

Statement from his family:

With deep sorrow and profound respect, the family of The Honorable Charles B. Rangel announces his passing on May 26, 2025, at the age of 94.

A towering figure in American politics and a champion for justice, equity, and opportunity, Congressman Rangel

dedicated over four decades of his life to public service. Representing what is now New York's 13th Congressional Districts from 1971 to 2017, he was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the first African American to chair the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. The final living member of Harlem's Gang of Four political coalition, Charlie was affectionately known as "The Lion of Lenox Avenue."

Born on June 11, 1930, in Harlem, New York, Congressman Rangel rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most influential voices in American legislative history. A decorated Korean War veteran, he returned home to earn degrees from New York University and St. John's University School of Law, beginning a lifelong pursuit of justice, civil rights, and community empowerment.

Throughout his career, Congressman Rangel fought tirelessly for affordable housing, urban revitalization, fair tax policies, and equal opportunities for all Americans. His legacy lives on through the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service at The City College of New York, which continues to inspire and train new generations of public servants.

Congressman Rangel, who was pre-deceased by his beloved wife, Alma, is survived by his son, Steven Rangel (Adelina), daughter Alicia Rangel Haughton (Howard), three grandsons, Howard R. Haughton, Joshua R. Haughton and Charles R. Haughton, and a host of family and friends. Private services will be held followed by a public Celebration of Life. Details will be shared in the coming days.

The Rangel family extends its heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support

during this difficult time.

"Former United States Congressman Charles B. Rangel, who served 46 trail blazing years in the House of Representatives and then dedicated his life to addressing the lack of modern infrastructure jobs in his old congressional district through a program at The City College of New York, died on Memorial Day. He was 94. A founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus who then made history as the first African American member of Congress to lead the powerful Ways and Means Committee, Rangel represented what is now New York's 13th Congressional District from 1971 to 2017. He then served as Statesman-in-Residence at The City College. In 2022, Rangel continued his mission of service by launching the Charles B. Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative (RIWI) at CCNY to boost modern infrastructure jobs in upper Manhattan and the Bronx. Rangel was a war hero, history-making congressman, and master lawmaker. He served for 23 terms in the House of Representatives and was cited as the most effective lawmaker in Congress, leading all of his colleagues in passing legislation. He was the primary sponsor of President Obama's historic health care reform law. Recognized as one of the hardest working legislators in Congress, he sponsored 40 bills and resolutions that became law throughout his tenure. Among his greatest legislative accomplishments was: championing the national Empowerment Zone program, Affordable Care Act, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Work Opportunity Tax Credit, Caribbean Basin Initiative

(CBI), Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, and the 'Rangel Amendment' which sounded the death knell of Apartheid in South Africa. Demonstrating his commitment to education, he created financial mechanisms to construct and rehabilitate public schools across the country. Following Saint Matthew's teaching, he was a stalwart champion for the "least among us," dedicated to improving the lives of working families, fighting for jobs and education, and advocating for equality and justice. Born and raised in Harlem, he was first elected to Congress in 1970, after serving in the New York State Assembly and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Congressman Rangel retired from the United States Congress in 2017. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he earned a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

-Statement from City College

"A giant has passed from amongst us and is now in his eternal home! Although no longer present, in this life, Congressman Rangel will surely be missed. He leaves a legacy and many invaluable contributions to this community, nationally and internation-

ally that will long be remembered. I feel deeply honored and privileged as a benefactor of Congressman Rangel's sage advice and friendship! Congressman, thank you!!"

-C. Virginia Fields

"It is with a heavy heart I share news of the passing of my dear friend, a beloved leader, and stalwart of our community, Congressman Charles B. Rangel. Through our numerous conversations and collaborations over the years, his guidance, support, and faith helped propel legislative initiatives like the Second Avenue Subway that expanded during his tenure and the Charles B. Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative, which I helped establish as a lasting tribute to his legacy as a champion of creating pipelines for future generations. Congressman Rangel was an iconic figure and a devoted patriot as a veteran of the Korean War; as a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC); the Lion of Lenox Avenue for his love and loyalty to Harlem; an institution through his many endowments of service to erect namesake programs like the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program, the Charles B. Rangel Interna-



tional Affairs Fellowship, the Charles B. Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative, and the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service. Charlie was an inspiration and embodied the truest form of leadership in public service, steadied in his faith and faithfulness in the American people, and a giant unmatched in his leadership, compassion, and commitment to upholding the values of our nation. I will miss him dearly and am grateful for our time together, his mentorship, and most importantly, friendship we developed over the years."

- Representative Adriano Espaillat (NY-13)



Congressman Charles B. Rangel June 11, 1930-May 25, 2025, cont'd



The last member of the “Gang of 4 has Passed.” Harlem’s Gang of 4 included Mayor David N. Dinkins, NYS Secretary of State Basil A. Paterson, Manhattan Borough President Percy L. Sutton, and Congressman Charles B. Rangel. They were powerful leaders, attorneys, public servants and much more. May they all rest in peace, joy and power.

“Jazzmobile joins the legions of mourners around the world – especially within our Harlem Community who are deeply saddened by the passing of our warrior, “Charlie.” We extend our heartfelt condolences to his daughter,

his son, all members of his family, and his many friends. Much has been said about the extraordinary achievements of Congressman Rangel, and we proudly join those voices in celebrating a life well lived.”

-Jazzmobile

Charlie Rangel, the long-term Congressman and a heavyweight in New York politics as a member of Harlem’s “Gang of Four”, has died at 94. His colorful and charismatic personality, bowties, and raspy voice made him a character on Capitol Hill who was impossible to forget. Rangel was simultaneously larger than life but also approachable and engaging. Rangel

was the last living member of the “Gang of Four” made up of powerful African American leaders in New York: David Dinkins (1927-2020), Basil Paterson (1946-2014), and Percy Sutton (1920-2009). The four dealmakers were powerbrokers at a time when political decisions were made in smoke-filled rooms over poker games. In 2010, President Obama suggested that Rangel resign from Congress “with dignity” after he was targeted by an ethics investigation that would eventually mean he had to give up the Chairmanship of the Ways & Means Committee. “This guy from Lenox Avenue is retiring with dignity,” Rangel would later tell reporters as he departed Congress on his terms and at the time of his choosing. Rangel ignored Obama and remained in Congress for another six years with an aura that made many forget about the ethics investigation. Before serving Congress, Rangel did about every job in politics that existed. In 1961, Rangel was appointed by

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to be an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York. Rangel was also a legal counsel for the New York Housing and Redevelopment Board. Charlie Rangel was born in Harlem in 1930. He would go on to represent one of the most storied parts of Manhattan for 46 years in the U.S. Congress. Along with the late John Conyers, Rangel was also a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. “We all have a large stake in preserving our democracy, but I maintain that those without power in our society, the black, the brown, the poor of all colors, have the largest stake not because we have the most to lose, but because we have worked the hardest, and given the most, for what we have achieved,” Rangel once said. Rangel was the first African American to serve as Chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. As chair and as a member of the Committee, Rangel played a central role in shaping



U.S. tax legislation. He advocated for progressive tax reform, closing corporate loopholes, and increasing tax equity. Rangel was also a strong supporter of Social Security and Medicare and defended and expanded programs aimed at reducing poverty and supporting working-class families. The legendary Harlem Congressman also championed federal investment in affordable housing and urban infrastructure, especially for Harlem and other underserved communities.

In a noteworthy policy move, Rangel also pushed to reinstate the military draft during the Iraq War—not to promote it, but to spark debate on the fairness of who bears the burden of war. Rangel earned a Purple Heart and a

Bronze Star for his service in the Army during Korea. Rangel served as a member of the New York State Assembly from 1967 to 1971 and went on to defeat another New York political legend — Adam Clayton Powell Jr. in a primary, before winning in the general election in 1970. Rangel retired from Congress in 2016 at 86 years old. At a time when many are discussing the age of members of Congress and the many who have died in office over the past two years, Rangel was an exception who departed on his terms. Rangel’s seat in Congress would go to Dominican-born Adriano Espaillat. The moment represented a shift in Harlem’s demographics and the power of the Latino community in the Bronx.

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The Heart of Hamilton Heights: Celebrating School Secretary Olitha “Lisa” Pointer

by Tonya Sims



RAs the school year draws to a close, appreciation often grows for the dedicated administrators and teachers who shape young minds. Yet, a school’s vibrant community is built on the contributions of many other individuals who play a pivotal role in its daily functioning and success.

In this article, we spotlight

one unsung hero who has profoundly touched the lives of countless individuals within and beyond PS/MS 368: the remarkable Olitha Pointer.

For years, Ms. Pointer has been an unwavering backbone. Administrators rely on her exceptional organizational skills and institutional knowledge. Staff members count on her for accurate information and efficient support, while parents are greeted with her warm smile and patient assistance. And the students? They know Ms. Pointer’s office is a safe and welcoming space. But beyond her exceptional professional contributions, Ms. Pointer is simply one of the kindest human beings imaginable. Perhaps her impact is best summarized by Principal Charles Reilly, who heads PS/MS 368. He stated, “It has been an honor and privilege to work with

Ms. Pointer for the past seven years. I have rarely seen a person so dedicated, hardworking, loving, and caring in the NYC Department of Education. Our school would never be where it is today without her. She will be missed.”

Her colleague Audrey Mitchell said, “Ms. Olitha welcomed me to DOE. She guided me through challenges and health battles with unwavering support and a constant smile. I’ll miss our daily ‘I love you’ and will forever cherish our bond.”

However, her most profound dedication extends most deeply to her own family. Ms. Pointer’s husband and children shared a poignant message about her retirement: “Thank you for showing us what a genuine and pure heart looks like. We are forever grateful for the sacrifices you have made and

continue to make on our behalf. May this next chapter be more rewarding than your last because you deserve it! We love you!”

And her sister, Rose, beautifully encapsulates the joy of this new chapter: “You’ve seen Lisa’s immense dedication to the New York City Department of Education. Now, it’s time for her to celebrate the end of an era. As her sister, I know her impact at work is irreplaceable. I’m excited to finally be ‘selfish’ with my baby sister, cherishing new memories of her wonderful retirement. Lisa, you deserve every moment of joy it will bring.”

This year, as she prepares to embark on a well-deserved retirement, the entire PS/MS 368 community wants Ms. Pointer to know the immeasurable impact she has had on them. Her warm presence, unwaver-



Lisa Pointer

ing support, and quiet dedication have been the heart of the school. She leaves a legacy of professionalism and kindness that will be deeply missed. We wish her much joy, relaxation,

and fulfillment as she embarks on this well-deserved, exciting new chapter.

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Harlem Cycle Owner Wins SBA Small Business Person of the Year!

Tammeca Rochester, founder and owner of Harlem Cycle, was honored as part of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) National Small Business Week this month, winning Small Business Person of the Year for the SBA Metro New York district. Rochester was nominated for the award by Pursuit and her business advisor, Malini Krishna, Vice President & Senior Business Strategist at Pursuit.

“Receiving the SBA’s Top Business Person of the Year award is truly humbling. It’s a powerful affirmation of the hard work, resilience, and love I’ve poured into Harlem Cycle over the years. More than anything, this award

represents the strength of community — my team, our clients, and everyone who has believed in our mission. It reminds me that when you build with purpose, people notice — and they show up to support it,” said Rochester.

Rochester founded Harlem Cycle in 2016 with the goal of creating a space for the Harlem community to foster belonging and wellness. Rochester has worked with Pursuit since 2019, finding support through an SBA Microloan to fund her second location as well as no-cost advisory services to keep her business thriving. In the last three years, Rochester’s team has grown from 18 to 24 employees, meeting the needs of a

loyal and growing clientele.

“Working with Pursuit has been a game-changer. They didn’t just look at my business on paper — they listened to my story, believed in my vision, and partnered with me to bring that vision to life. Through their guidance and support, we were able to stabilize during tough times and start planning for growth in a sustainable, strategic way. Their belief in Harlem Cycle helped fuel my belief in what’s possible,” said Rochester.

Beyond the studio doors, Harlem Cycle has had a profound impact on the community. Rochester uses her platform to advocate for accessible fitness, host wellness events, and

collaborate with other businesses to strengthen Harlem’s small business ecosystem. Her dedication to creating an inclusive environment has empowered countless individuals to prioritize their health.

“Tammeca is the kind of entrepreneur who embodies everything Pursuit stands for—visionary, determined, and committed to building something that uplifts her community. Harlem Cycle is more than just a fitness studio; it’s a vibrant, empowering space that reflects Tammeca’s energy and purpose. We’re incredibly proud to have supported her journey and thrilled to see her recognized with this well-deserved SBA award,” said Chris Levy,

Pursuit President & CEO.

Additionally, through her mentorship and community involvement, Rochester inspires other entrepreneurs to pursue their goals, sharing insights on how to navigate the challenges of small business ownership with determination and creativity.

“Harlem Cycle is a shining example of what a small business can achieve when it blends innovation with a deep commitment to its community. Rochester’s leadership, resourcefulness, and commitment to her mission sets her apart as an exemplary business owner. Her ability to adapt, grow, and uplift others serves as a powerful example of



Tammeca Rochester

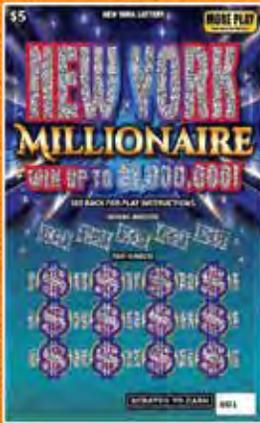
what it means to be a true community leader,” said Krishna.




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JALC Celebrates Duke Ellington

By Audrey J. Bernard, Society Editor

On Wednesday, April 30, 2025, Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) hosted the organization’s distinguished signature benefit gala at the renowned House of Swing! Hundreds of stylishly dressed patrons of the arts attended the extravagant evening which also celebrated music’s incomparable music mastermind Duke Ellington, whose music shaped the sound of jazz and continues to inspire generations worldwide. The festivities took place in JALC’s home, Frederick P. Rose Hall, on Broadway at 60th Street, where guests were treated to an evening of live music, a jubilant Orleans-style, second line parade, followed by dinner and dancing, and a speak-easy themed after-party at Dizzy’s Club. The perfect program was hosted by comedian and actor Dave Chappelle, who brought both humor and heart to the evening, noting, “Years ago, Washington, D.C. residents had to vote on who should be on a new coin. Two runners-up were Frederick Douglass -- for his strength and determination -- and Duke. Everyone loved his elegance.” He continued, “Duke’s music scored not only our dreams but our parents’ dreams. Over the last 30 years, Jazz

at Lincoln Center’s Essentially Ellington program has educated one million young people – one million! – so they can carry on the legacy of Duke Ellington.”

The all-Duke Ellington concert began with a powerful performance of “The Opener” by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, who were joined by Essentially Ellington (EE) alumni Erica von Kleist, Patrick Bartley, and Austin Zhang. Bassist Christian McBride followed with a humorous story about Ellington before introducing fellow EE alums and bassists Carlos Henriquez, Russell Hall, and Philip Norris for a rendition of “Jack the Bear” featuring all four bassists on stage. The evening was rich with standout performances from drummer Jeff Hamilton and vocalist Kate Kortum; and a breathtaking rendition of “Pas de Duke” by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater dancers Samantha Figgins and Chalvar Monteiro. Pakistani flautist Baqir Abbas delivered an emotional performance of “Addi” from Ellington’s Togo Brava Suite, introduced by trombonist Chris Crenshaw as a reflection of Ellington’s belief that jazz is “a passport to universal citizenship.”

Chappelle addressed the intergeneration talent



performing throughout the evening by saying, “Jazz is one of these traditions in America that is passed down from one practitioner to another practitioner. Everyone who knows it tries to teach someone else. Jazz is family, and tonight isn’t like any family reunion you’ve ever seen.” Concert repertoire demonstrated the universal impact Duke Ellington has had on the generations of musicians and artists, from the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis who have been performing for nearly 40 years, to the next generation of musicians who have come from the organization’s education programs including the international Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition.

The iconic composer and bandleader was remembered throughout the

evening starting with a Duke Ellington photo exhibit, installed for the event, which was viewed by his granddaughter Mercedes Ellington and included a touching childhood photograph of Mercedes with her grandfather, highlighting the personal connection at the heart of the evening’s tribute. Mercedes Ellington, who served as honorary gala co-chair, received a standing ovation from the audience.

During the award ceremony composer Maria Schneider presented the Award for Artistic Excellence to jazz legend Toshiko Akiyoshi. Though Akiyoshi could not attend, her daughter accepted the award on her behalf, and her husband, saxophonist Lew Tabackin, delivered a beautiful solo performance of “In a Sentimental Mood” under dramatically dimmed lights. H.E. Amna



Ali Hamad Bin Zaal Almeiri, Consul General of the United Arab Emirates in the United States, presented the Ed Bradley Award for Leadership in Jazz to H.E. Huda Alkhamis Kanoo, the Founder and Artistic Director of the Abu Dhabi Festival who accepted the award via video message. This year also marked the debut of the Global Citizen Award, honoring those advancing jazz internationally. The inaugural recipients were Greg Quigley, founder of Australia’s Jazz Music Institute, and Mexican presenters Maribel Torre and Eugenio Elias, celebrated for their work in jazz education and cultural preservation.

Chappelle returned with heartfelt reflections and light-hearted banter: “It means a lot just to touch the hand of a legend—or to see one with your own eyes... so take a good look!” He

said in reference to himself. His closing remarks and the concert finale earned a standing ovation. Gala co-chairs Mike Fricklas, Donna Astion, and Beth Chartoff Spector praised the national impact of Essentially Ellington. Jazz at Lincoln Center Managing and Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis echoed that sentiment in a video tribute and said, “The music teaches you to learn how to love another person’s creativity.” Marsalis closed the evening with a message that summed it all up: “Long live Duke. Long live the House of Swing. Love Jazz.” JALC is led by Clarence Otis, Chairman of the Board; Wynton Marsalis, Managing and Artistic Director; and Greg Scholl, Executive Director. (Photo Credit: Gilberto Tadday, Nathalie Schueller, Jasmina Tomic for JALC)



Why Pregnant Women should Receive This Important Test

(StatePoint)

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that can spread to a fetus during pregnancy or a newborn during labor. When this happens, it is known as congenital syphilis and can result in miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or medical issues for the baby, including deafness, blindness, bone deformities and meningitis.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, congenital syphilis has tripled in recent years, with more than 3,800 cases reported nationwide in 2023 alone. This is the highest number reported in one year since 1994.

“While serious, congenital syphilis is preventable through timely

screenings before and during pregnancy,” says Margaret Ikeda, MD, MS, FAAP, board-certified pediatrician, Yale University School of Medicine, and member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Infectious Diseases.

To help pregnant women protect their babies, the AAP is sharing some vital information:

Steps to Take During Pregnancy: Testing and treatment can help protect your baby. The AAP recommends all pregnant women be tested for syphilis during early pregnancy and that high-risk pregnant women be tested again during the third trimester and at delivery.

If you are diagnosed with syphilis, it is important to receive treatment right away. This should be followed by repeat blood tests to make sure the treatment worked. Since you can be infected at any time during pregnancy, your doctor may do the test more than once.

Steps to Take After Birth: Newborn babies can also be tested and treated for congenital syphilis. As soon as infection is detected, babies should be treated with antibiotics. After the first treatment, babies will have repeated blood tests over several months to make sure the infection is gone, and occasionally, will need to be treated again.

Signs and Symptoms to be Aware of: The first stage of acquired syphilis can appear as a painless sore on the genitals a few weeks after exposure, however it often goes unnoticed. Unless treated, the infection can spread throughout the body. Symptoms at this stage can include skin rash, swollen glands, fever, headache, joint aches and fatigue, and can last for months or even come back later if not treated. However, it’s important to understand that you can be infected with syphilis but not feel sick or have any symptoms at all, which is still dangerous for the baby. That’s one reason why testing is so important.



Resources to Lean on: The AAP offers comprehensive resources to help ensure pregnant women get needed testing and treatment for themselves and their newborns. Visit <https://www.aap.org/congenitalsyphilis> to learn more.

“The best thing you can do to protect your baby is to have syphilis blood testing as soon

as you discover you are pregnant and throughout pregnancy. If you are diagnosed with the infection, get treatment as soon as possible,” says Yarlini Vipulanandan, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease Fellow at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and post-residency training member of the AAP.

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Caregivers Face Financial, Emotional and Career Impacts

(StatePoint)

Two in five U.S. adults identify as family caregivers, but there is a lack of support for them nationwide, according to new research from Edward Jones in partnership with Morning Consult and Age Wave. With 46% of Americans expected to become caregivers in the future, this research sought to better understand their concerns and challenges, and uncover ways to support them.

How caregivers are navigating their finances, emotions and careers

Top financial concerns caregivers face include rising costs and inflation (56%) and inadequate retirement savings (42%). In fact, 95% of caregivers have some level of financial concern for their retirement, and 51% must cut back on personal spending because of their caregiving responsibilities, according to

the study. In addition to financial challenges, many caregivers cited caregiving as a significant emotional responsibility, leaving them stressed, burned out, and unable to prioritize their own health.

Most caregivers (72%) are willing to sacrifice their own financial security to ensure proper care for their loved ones. This sometimes includes such measures as stepping away from their jobs entirely, reducing work hours, taking on debt and dipping into their own retirement savings.

Despite these challenges, 80% of caregivers say their role has strengthened their relationships with loved ones, with the large majority reporting feelings of personal fulfillment and gratitude from those in their care.

“Caregivers often bear great financial burdens and sacrifice their own well-being to care for children and elder family mem-

bers,” says Ken Dychtwald, founder and CEO of Age Wave. “The vital role of family caregivers in our care systems and society demands greater recognition, resources and relief, especially as America’s population continues to live longer with more chronic conditions and the need for caregiving grows.”

Support, education and resources for caregivers is crucial. Fifty-seven percent have not sought professional advice for caregiving-related financial guidance, yet 93% of those who work with a financial advisor report feeling more confident about their financial future.

“Financial advisors are an important element of a caregiver’s support system,” says Ken Cella, principal and head of external affairs at Edward Jones. “They can give caregivers a complete picture of their finances, enabling them to navigate the complex re-

alities of care while planning for multiple long-term financial and life goals.”

Policies that help caregivers have bipartisan support

Currently, 68% of Americans, regardless of political affiliation, say the public sector is not doing enough to support caregivers, a sentiment felt more strongly among those caring for elderly adults and special-needs adults. The research found that the majority of Americans support enacting federal legislation that would aid caregivers, such as expanded retirement account contributions for caregivers, and additional “catch-up” contributions for caregivers.

Additionally, 74% say they believe employers should offer benefits such as financial support or flexible work arrangements for employees with caregiving responsibilities, reflecting a growing demand for supportive work-



place policies.

“In the face of rising living costs and a looming retirement crisis, supporting caregivers through national and employment policies is an investment in economic stability, public health and the well-being of both caregivers and those they are caring for,” says Cella. “As a firm, we are proud to advocate on behalf of caregivers by backing policies that will build lasting financial strength for our clients, colleagues, communities and society.”

Edward Jones supports the Improving Retirement Security for Family Caregivers Act and the Catching Up Family Caregivers Act. According to advocates, these bills would build on the success of the SECURE 2.0 Act by providing additional savings opportunities for caregivers. To learn more, visit www.edward-jones.com/caregiving.

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URBANOLOGY: The Black Cyclone



By William A. Rogers

The Black Cyclone was a nickname the international press gave to Marshall Walter “Major” Taylor who was considered in his prime the World’s fastest cyclist. Major Taylor was one of the most celebrated athletes of his time. He was a world champion in track cycling in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Born 1879 Taylor was raised in Indianapolis, where he worked in bicycle shops and began racing multiple distances in the track and road disciplines of cycling. As a teenager, he moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, with his coach and mentor Louis “Birdie” Munger who recognized Taylor’s potential and provided him with support and opportunities to develop his skills as a cyclist during his successful amateur career where he broke many cycling records.

Taylor turned professional in 1896, at the age of 18, living in cities on the East Coast and participating in multiple track events including six-day races. He moved his focus to the Sprint event in 1897, competing in a national racing circuit, winning many races and gaining

popularity with the public. In 1898 and 1899, he set numerous World records in race distances ranging from the quarter mile to the two-mile.

Taylor won the 1-mile Sprint Event at the 1899 world track championship in the 1899 world track championships to become the first African American to achieve the level of cycling world champion and the second Black athlete to win a world championship in any sport (following Canadian boxer George Dixon, 1890).

Taylor was also a national sprint champion in 1899 and 1900. He raced in the U.S., Europe and Australia from 1901 to 1904, beating the world’s best riders. After a 2+½-year hiatus, he made a comeback in 1907–1909, before retiring at age 32 to his

home in Worcester in 1910.

Cycling was the biggest and most popular sport in the world during Taylor’s time, cars were not the most used means of transportation most people throughout the world used bicycle and horse drawn carriages as the most popular means of transportation.

For a Blackman to be the best and fastest cyclist in the world Taylor often received death threats. Some southern states would not let him participate in their races because he often beat popular white cyclists.

Tracks of Glory was a film about the life of Taylor actor Philip Morris played Taylor in the film which I believe is still on YouTube. Taylor also wrote his autobiography titled “The World’s Fastest Man”. Taylor paved the way for many Black athletes who

broke the color bar in white dominated sports such as boxer Jack Johnson, Jackie Robertson and Harlem’s Nelson Vales who became the first Olympian silver medal winner in the 1984 Olympics.

The 53rd annual Father’s Day Skyscraper International Harlem Cycling classic will take place on June 15th around Marcus Garvey Park has become a major tourist attraction.

Throughout the United States and from around the world. Clubs come to Harlem every June to participate including The Major Taylor Cycling Club of New Jersey who carries on the legacy of Major Taylor by celebrating his achievements and promoting diversity and inclusion in cycling.

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GAMES

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CROSSWORD

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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Statepoint Crossword
THEME:
SUMMER VIBES

ACROSS

- Baking ingredient
- Accounting pro
- Depletes
- ___ reflection
- Painter Chagall
- Feeling of resentment
- Member of Germany's NSDAP
- ___ lily
- Light shade of blue
- *Summer thirst quencher
- Same as tsar
- Subside
- Tierra ___ Fuego
- Taken without consent
- Even greener, as in fruit
- Dot follower
- Largest hot dessert
- Australian palm
- Evian, backwards
- A in FANBOYS

- *Like a lightning bug
- Prima donna
- *Midsummer's maypole dance, e.g.
- *William Blake's "To Summer," e.g.
- Any voting citizen
- *Sun to ice cream
- Feeling of veneration
- Two-door
- *Beach bag, usually
- *Summer rays
- Rock bottom
- Altar location
- Milk ____, candy
- Small stream
- Turned to the right, like a horse
- Starchy tuber
- *It's knee-high by the 4th of July
- Ctrl and Delete partner
- Type of tide

DOWN

- *___-kissed
- Birthstone after

- sapphire
- Nod off
- Kind of instinct
- Diamond weight unit
- Bluenose
- Climber's destination
- *Intensely hot
- Greenish blue
- Make like a cat
- "Monkey ____, monkey do"
- Sometime in the future
- Indianapolis basketball player
- With BMI over 30
- Piece of evidence, acr.
- Type of probe
- *Summer hiking path
- Nose of a missile
- Pakistani tongue
- Sitcom trial
- Lyric poem
- Less experienced
- *Boat ____, don't care!
- *Uninvited picnic guest

- *Break from summer routine
- First in Hebrew alphabet
- Fish eggs
- Entertained
- Twist plus jerk
- City in Netherlands
- Precious metal extraction cup
- Early stages
- #61 Across cousin
- ___-Eaters
- Literary genre
- In the buff
- Collection of Norse mythology
- Oldest of the "Big Three" TV networks
- Dip into liquid
65. Itty-bitty
67. Invoice qty.

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"BOOKS FOR FATHER'S DAY" by various authors

Review by Terri Schlichenmeyer, Harlem News contributor

Your Dad is the best!

He gives great hugs, first of all. He teaches you things, fixes what's broken, and he likes to play with you sometimes. Dad works hard, he's really smart, and he picks great books to read before your bedtime, books like these...

Who doesn't like to go camping with Dad? In the new book, "You Make the World" by Múon Thi Vãn, illustrated by Phùng Nguyễn Quang & Huynh Kim Liên (Orchard Books, \$18.99), a young child goes out in nature with their father, and learns a few things about

what makes the world go 'round – at least, in Dad's eyes. It's a book that sings with joy and love; but it will also help your child understand that emotions actually mean something. Just don't be surprised if this sweet little story makes Dad tear up a bit because it's that kind of book. "You Make the World" is perfect for bedtime, and it's great for kids ages three-to-seven.

Another book full of love is "Love, Dad: Inspiring Notes from Fathers to Kids" by Dr. Joel Warsh and Andrew Gardner, illustrated by David Elmo Cooper (Random House, \$14.99). Here, authors Warsh and Gardner

asked "lots of dads" what they wished their kids knew, and what they "hoped to teach their kids." It starts with the words, "When you grow up, I hope you..." and the rest of the sentences are warm, loving, funny, inspiring, empowering, and good for kids of any age. Read this book now to your five-to-seven-year-old, then make it a tradition by reading it every year for the next five or ten years.

And finally, if you're looking for something your Dad might love to read, or if you're a father yourself, consider "Fatherhood: A History of Love and Power" by Augustine Sedgewick (Scribner, \$30).

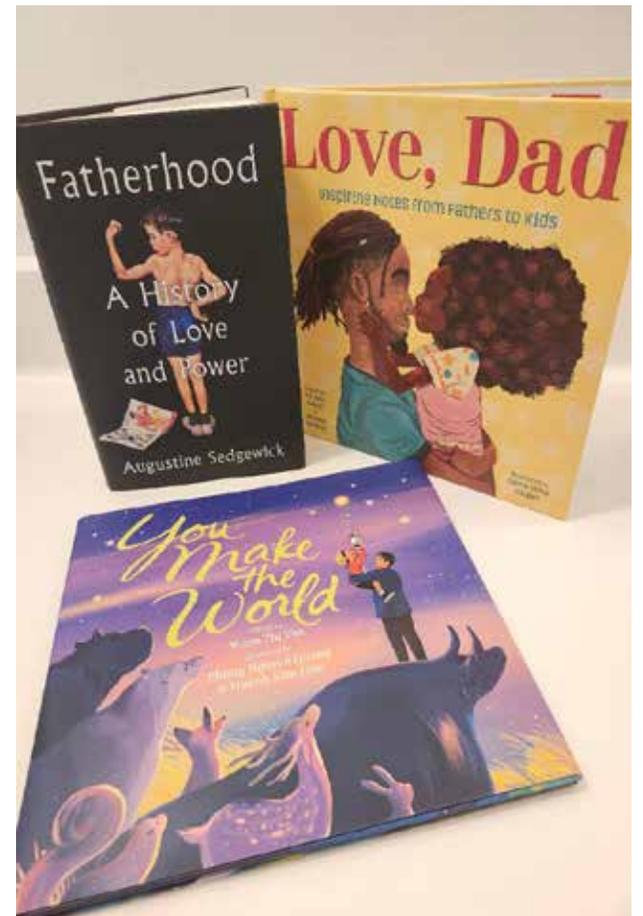
"By any measure, fatherhood is one of the most meaningful concepts in human culture," the author says, but it can also be filled with aspects that today's society might find oppressive, to one degree or another. For example, the idea that men must provide for and protect partners and offspring has been around a long time – though it's changed and adapted with modern attitudes, feminism, and other forces. You'll see it through Sedgewick's portraits of influential, powerful men throughout history, men who happened to be fathers.

This is a thoughtful, aha! kind of book for the dad who wants to read something different, for an older teen who'd like a history of an unusual sort, or for Mom, who wants a peek into the

other side of parenting.

Of course, there's more to being a Dad than biology, and there are more books on the subject at your favorite bookstore or library. To find them, you just need to step inside and ask for books on being a Dad, being a child with a Daddy, or getting to know the man who was your father. Indeed, your librarian or bookseller can help you find the Father's Day books that are the best.

Books for Father's Day by various authors c.2025, various publishers \$14.99 - \$30 various page counts



Answers to Sudoku on page 21

SUDOKU ANSWERS

3	5	1	9	8	2	7	6	4
7	8	2	4	6	5	1	3	9
9	6	4	3	7	1	5	8	2
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